

THE WORST WRECK

In the History of the Santa Fe Road at Emporia, Kansas.

PASSENGER TRAINS COLLIDE.

Three Engines Explode, Tearing Holes in the Ground.

FOUR CARS WENT IN ON TOP

Of the Engines and Two Mail Cars and Balanced There Without Turning Over. Wreck Takes Fire from the Engines. Fifteen Persons Killed and Many More Badly Injured. Hon. W. J. Bryan on One of the Trains, but Escapes Without Injury--He Does Great Work in Rescuing the Wounded--His Figures in a Very Pathetic Incident.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 8.—A special to the Times from Emporia, Kansas, says: One of the worst wrecks in the history of the Santa Fe road occurred three miles east of here at about 7:30 o'clock to-night. Twelve or fifteen persons were killed and as many more were badly hurt. The fast mail train, going east, and the Mexico and California express, collided head-on. The Mexico and California express was pulled by two locomotives and when they struck the engine drawing the fast mail, the boilers of all three engines exploded and tore a big hole in the ground, so deep that the smoking cars of the west-bound train went in on top of three engines and two mail cars and balanced there without turning over.

The passengers in the smoking car escaped through the windows. The front end of this car was enveloped in a volume of stifling smoke and steam belching up from the wreck below, and the rear door was jammed tight in the wreckage of the car behind. The wreck caught fire from the engines. The cars in the hole and smoking car burned to ashes in no time. Climbing out of the smoking car several men fell through the rifts in the wreck below and it is impossible to tell whether they escaped or were burned to death.

The west-bound train carried seven or eight coaches and its passengers included many excursionists who had been to hear Hon. W. J. Bryan speak at the county fair at Burlington. Mr. Bryan himself was on the train, some four hundred feet from the cars which were wrecked. He states that nothing but a heavy jolt was experienced by the passengers in his coach.

Mr. Bryan was one of the noblest men in the crowd of rescuers. He helped to carry out the dead and wounded, and gave the greatest attention to their care. One poor fellow who was badly maimed, called to Mr. Bryan and said: "I want to hear you to-day; I am dying and want to shake your hand and say God bless you. If you possibly can, Mr. Bryan, get me a drink of water."

Mr. Bryan went into the fast mail car, one end of which was burning, and came out with the drink of water, which he gave to the suffering passenger. He brought out cushions for others of the injured and was everywhere present to minister to the wants of the suffering.

It is feared that nearly all of the seven mail clerks perished in the disaster, but so far only nine bodies have been taken from the wreck.

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS.

Enthusiastic Meeting of the State League of Clubs.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Sept. 8.—There was a great gathering of active young political workers here to-day in attendance on the 10th annual convention of the State League of Republican Clubs. The convention was held in the Lycoming opera house, with delegates present from all the leading Republican clubs in the state. Congressman Chas. W. Stone, of Warren; William A. Stone, of Allegheny; Horace B. Packer, of Wellsboro; State Chairman John P. Elkin, of Indiana; State Treasurer B. J. Haywood, of Mercer, were among the speakers. There were many ladies present during the morning session and manifested interest in the proceedings. A mass meeting was held to-night at the opera house, at which stirring addresses were made by Congressman W. A. Stone, Congressman C. W. Stone, Major McDowell, of Mercer, chief clerk of the national house of representatives, Gen. James W. Latta, of Philadelphia, secretary of internal affairs, and L. J. Crawford, of Newport, Ky., president of the National League of Republican Clubs. Isadore Gobel, of Erie, president of the state league, presided.

The convention was called to order at 10:30 o'clock this morning by President Gobel. He made a brief speech congratulating the league on the large representation and reviewing the effective work which had been done by the clubs through the state in the last campaign.

The convention took a recess at noon for five hours to allow the committees to meet.

After the recess a report was read from the committee to select a place for holding the next convention, recommending that the matter be referred to the executive committee. Ralph Light, of Lebanon, moved that the committee be instructed to select Lebanon. The motion failed and the report of the committee was approved by a vote of 75 to 20.

Chairman Lowry reported the following from the resolutions committee: The representative members of the Republican League of Pennsylvania, in convention assembled, hereby reaffirm their allegiance and devotion to the living principles underlying this co-extensive with the great party of the people expressed in the platform adopted at the Republican national convention at St. Louis in 1896, and in the state convention at Harrisburg in 1897, with such modifications of the civil service law as shall insure fair treatment to all citizens of the Republican faith.

We congratulate the people of the United States on their ready conception of Republican principles and their prompt action in November last, when spontaneous uprising they elected as President, that advance agent of prosperity, William McKinley.

We appeal confidently to the people of Pennsylvania to answer at the polls in November whether or not the promises of our party have been fulfilled.

We pledge ourselves to the earnest and untiring support of our standard-bearers, James R. Bennett, for state treasurer, and Levi J. McCauley for auditor general, believing that they will receive the loyal aid of every true Republican in this commonwealth.

Mr. Viridin moved to amend by insert-

ING A PLANK FAVORING THE REPEAL OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

The motion was defeated by 71 to 45, and the resolutions were adopted.

The delegates and alternates at-large to the national convention to be held next year at Omaha were then elected by acclamation.

After the election of these officers, the convention adjourned with cheers for the state Republican ticket: President, Isadore Gobel, Erie; recording secretary, C. W. Harris, Pittsburgh; treasurer, Mahlon D. Young, Philadelphia; vice-presidents, Levi DeWolf, Pittsburgh; John R. Wiggins, Philadelphia; George J. Llewellyn, Wilkesbarre; R. Hathaway Shindler, York; S. N. Williams, Williamsport; H. R. Thorp, Greenville; G. L. Williams, Philadelphia.

Nearly all the visitors left the city to-night after the mass meeting.

YELLOW JACK.

Excitement Abating—Government Physician Visits Ocean Grove Springs—Not Decided as to Whether It Is the Fever.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 8.—When the board of health met to-night Dr. Olliphant had no additional cases to report to that body, as having occurred in New Orleans, and was able to state that the local situation had vastly improved and there were no present prospects of evil results following the death of the Geipi child. The public pulse here is vastly stronger and New Orleans is almost ready to declare that it has had its scare for nothing. Dr. Olliphant and his staff have slept but little in the past 76 hours and have fairly honeycombed the city for suspicious cases of fever without result. Now they are ready to render any assistance in their power to the government and to the Mississippi authorities in bottling up whatever fever exists in Ocean Springs and Biloxi.

Deep interest has naturally been felt here in the outcome of the examination of Dr. Guiteras, who arrived at Ocean Springs this morning. On his arrival Dr. Guiteras went immediately to work and in person investigated a number of cases of the prevailing sickness. He found only two cases, it is said, that deserve the term doubtful or suspicious, and in answer to inquiry he said he hoped to be able to give the result of his examination to Washington this evening. In the meantime a correspondent wired to the city that he had learned from a source that could not be doubted, that the doctor after his examination had not been entirely convinced that any yellow fever has existed or does exist in Ocean Springs.

A thorough canvass of the wards completed this evening shows there have been 748 cases of the prevailing fever since July 8. There are now 27 still sick. The total deaths have been nine and in several instances physicians' certificates show the fever was complicated with other diseases. There are believed to have been only two deaths due to "yellow jack."

A BIG CONTRACT

May Come to West Virginia for Supplying Paper for Postal Cards—Piedmont Will be the Lucky Plant.

SPECIAL DISPATCH to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Col. Albert Daggett, of this city, but a former New Yorker of prominence, has just been awarded the contract for furnishing the government postal cards for the ensuing four years, and that circumstance promises to be of a good deal of importance to West Virginia. It is within the range of probability and almost a certainty that the sub-contract for supplying the paper will go to the Piedmont paper mills.

Col. Daggett and Third Assistant Postmaster General Merritt will leave here to-morrow afternoon for Piedmont to inspect the mills there, and if everything proves to be as satisfactory as appears from representations the contract will be sealed.

This means the expenditure of a large amount of money annually in the West Virginia town during the life of the contract both for material and labor. There has been a lively competition for the sub-contract, the mills in New York, Maine, Ohio, Massachusetts and Connecticut, and probably other states, filing bids. The samples of paper as well as the proposed terms from the Piedmont firm proved to be quite satisfactory respectively, better and below those offered by the other firms, and it is understood the company has only to demonstrate ample facilities for meeting the demands, and this it is prepared to do.

It is said the paper turned out by the Piedmont firm is equally as good as its pulp, which is known to be of a superb character. The decision in favor of the West Virginia company, if confirmed upon inspection of the mills, will be highly satisfactory to Col. Daggett, and is largely upon this recommendation, other things being equal. The colonel prefers West Virginia for several reasons, but chiefly because of the nearness of the mills to Washington. It will be more convenient for him, as he has other large interests here. He recently obtained by competitive bid the contract for sweeping the streets of Washington after successfully filling the same contract for several previous years. This and other business enterprises are handled with an ease which stamps him as a good all-around hustler and a man of affairs. To this may be added that he is a gentleman of intelligence who believes in the signs of good times, and a Republican.

PRESIDENT AT SOMERSET.

Public Reception, at which He Has Two Hours of Handshaking.

SOMERSET, Pa., Sept. 8.—The streets of this town are thronged to-night with people, one thousand of whom are visitors from different parts of the country, the occasion being the public reception by President McKinley held at the Endley residence, where the President and Mrs. McKinley are visitors. The reception began at 7:30 o'clock and for two hours a line of visitors passed through the house, each grasping the President's hand. In the parlor sat the President's wife, Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley, Dr. and Mrs. Endley, Miss Mabel McKinley, Misses Kittle and Ella Endley and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Rebell. The President this morning announced his determination to remain here all Monday and this afternoon declined an invitation from a delegation of prominent citizens of Johnstown, headed by the mayor, who invited him to visit the flood city before going home.

Refused All Bids.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Secretary Alger to-day settled the controversy over the award of the contract for the construction of six locks and dams in the Monongahela river, by rejecting all the bids received under the original call and directing that new proposals be invited for the work. This decision, it is stated, will occasion no delay in the work itself.

IN GRAVE DOUBT.

Inter-State Miners Convention Adjourns Without Action.

ON OPERATORS' PROPOSITION.

Prospects of a Settlement Not Very Encouraging—A Canvass of the Situation Shows That a Majority of the Votes Will Cast Against the Acceptance of the 65 Cent Rate, Unless Some Change in the Temper of the Miners is Brought About To-day—Most Important Action Was Determination of Basis of Representation.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 8.—The inter-state miners' convention adjourned this evening until to-morrow morning without having taken a vote on the question of accepting or rejecting the proposed settlement of the strike.

The prospects for the acceptance of the settlement are somewhat doubtful; in fact a canvass of the situation shows a majority of the votes, unless some change should be brought about, will be cast against it.

The most important action of the convention to-day was in determining the basis of representation. Some of the delegates wanted a rule that no delegate should be allowed to cast more than six votes. This, if adopted, it is claimed, would have settled the question of the acceptance of the strike settlement very quickly. It was the sentiment of the convention, however, that representation should be fixed so that all miners should have a voice in the settlement.

Accordingly it was decided that one vote should be cast for every 100 miners represented. This makes the votes to be cast by each state about as follows: Western Pennsylvania, 230; Ohio, 250; West Virginia, 110; Indiana, 60; Illinois, 200. The Illinois vote, which will be cast against the acceptance of the operators' proposition, will about offset the vote of western Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh district). The vote of Ohio is about equally divided on the proposition; also the West Virginia vote. This practically leaves the balance of power in the hands of the Indiana delegates. Should they vote with Illinois, which some of the delegates say they have instructions to do, by inference, if not by direct language, the proposed settlement will undoubtedly be decided.

The leaders of the miners are doing some quiet missionary work to-night and have hopes that they will be able to turn the tide in favor of a settlement.

WILL FIGHT DE ARMITT

To the Bitter End—That is the Decision of Pittsburgh Miners.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 8.—The fight of the miners against the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company is to be waged to the bitter end. If the strike is declared off in the rest of the district at the Columbus convention, it will still be kept up at the De Armit mine.

A secret conference between the leaders of the miners and the camp leaders has been held and a plan outlined for the continuance of the fight. This plan took definite shape and will be presented to the Columbus conference, where its adoption is almost foregone conclusion. The idea is to wage a national fight against this company. The miners of the Pittsburgh district, it is argued, cannot hope to maintain a mining rate of 65 cents a ton for any length of time if the mines of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company are to be allowed to work at a rate of 51 cents a ton. This would give the latter company an undue advantage over all the rest in the matter of selling their coal, and it would not be long until the other operators would begin to ask the miners to bring down their price. Consequently, the miners argue, it behooves the miners of the Pittsburgh district especially to see that the De Armit mine is kept idle until such time as the company sees fit to give its men the same price for their work as the other operators.

The plan which was formulated at yesterday's secret conference is that a national fund shall be established to carry on the fight. It is proposed to pay the men at the De Armit mine to remain out on strike a certain amount of money which will be sufficient to prevent them from going back.

It is expected that all competitive fields will be brought into this arrangement and that the scheme will be successfully carried out.

Miners' Strike at Dubois Ended.

DUBOIS, Pa., Sept. 8.—The striking miners of the Clearfield and Jefferson Coal Mining Company held a meeting to-day and received the report of the committee which called on General Manager Robinson yesterday. The agreement entered into by the company and Mr. Robinson was ratified by the miners and they will return to work to-morrow morning.

The resolution will include the mines at Dubois, Reynoldsville, Punxsutawney, Eleonora and Helvetia. There is general rejoicing in the region that the strike is at an end.

THREATENED DISRUPTION

Of Window Glassworkers' Association. Action of Flatmen and Cutters.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 8.—The window glass workers' association is again threatened with disruption. This time it is the flatmen and cutters who are disaffected. They refuse to accept the wage scale as presented at the last conference of the manufacturers and workers and this action has complicated matters so that no settlement can be brought about.

The flatmen and cutters to-day held a meeting and decided that the two trades should withdraw from the association and enter proceedings in court to secure their share of the funds now held by the window glass workers' association.

The executive board of the association met to-night to stave off, if possible, such proceedings.

The dissatisfaction in the association ranks was brought about by the wage scale for the year. The manufacturers agreed to restore the wages paid during the McKinley tariff. When the Wilson tariff bill went into effect wages were reduced. The flatmen and cutters demand a restoration of wages to the figures paid prior to 1892 and as much of an advance as may be granted to the blowers and gatherers.

Recent Penalties

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Penalty certificates have been issued to West Virginia applicants as follows: Oglethorpe—Ellan Grady, Jackson, Buolometian—John McNary, Beeler's Station.

Increase—Daniel Bennett, Idka, Widows—Casandra Fordyce, Cameron. Also for original penalty to Jonathan Tucker, Washington, Pa.

TWO SENSATIONS

Were Sprung in the Trial of the Chicago Sausage Maker—Corset Steels Found in the Refuse of the Vat Identified by Chicago Corset Makers as Products of Their Factory.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—The alleged wife murderer, Luetgert, seemed pleased at the comments of the papers to-day regarding his entrance into the court room yesterday. Accordingly when this morning he stepped into Judge Tutill's room for the thirteenth day of his trial, he repeated his smiling salute to the jury and ignored the spectators who evidenced their disappointment at the slight. The prisoner attempted to catch the eye of the presiding judge, but the latter dignitarily completely ignored the attempt of the big sausage manufacturer to bid him good morning. Luetgert held a familiar conversation of a minute's length with the newspaper reporters, near his seat and then settled down to a consultation with his attorneys. He seemed to be in unusually good spirits despite the damaging evidence heard during yesterday's session. The spectators continue to be mostly of the fair sex and the crowds are growing larger daily.

A greater crowd than ever before congested today at the huge stone entrance of the criminal court building, and a score of bailiffs and many of Inspector Schaeck's officers were required to keep a passageway open.

The first witness called was Eugene B. Palmer, a reporter for the Chicago Journal. Palmer testified to having held a small bottle under the stream of pinkish matter which flowed from the sluice way of the vat when the police opened the valve. Palmer was followed by W. H. Stuart, also a Journal reporter, who corroborated the testimony of his conferee and also testified to having delivered this same bottle of pinkish slime into the hands of an expert, who will be called later in the case.

Policeman Bernard Press was called, and identified two steel bits as pieces found in the ashes where the supposed residue of bones and other material which was scooped from the vat, was dumped. Policeman Fred Talworth testified as to having found a hairpin in the same pile of refuse and the hairpin was produced as evidence after an objection by Attorney Vincent, to the effect that it was improper to introduce as evidence every and any object which, owing to its similarity to objects worn by any and every woman could never be identified as having been the property of Mrs. Luetgert.

Then came the sensation of the day. J. H. Odenbrett and W. G. Cady, corset makers, were placed on the stand in succession and positively identified the two alleged corset steels as having been the product of their factory. Two certain marks on the bits of steel were shown to correspond with new steels which were produced in court. The witnesses each testified as to the similarity and also to the fact that the new steels were of the pattern usually sold by their factory. It was considered by the state to be a great blow to the defense and was unexpected by the latter, who hoped to prove that the two pieces of steel were scale band.

Carl Lein, Jr., who is employed by a dentist, described a set of false teeth which he had sold to Mrs. Luetgert. Lein seemed to be burdened with a sense of his own importance in the case and in the cross-examination by Attorney Vincent, chief counsel for the defense, he was continually objecting to questions asked and refused to answer several questions until the court ordered him to do so. His conduct on the stand caused considerable merriment among the lawyers and spectators.

Police Sergeant Spangler, who was active in procuring evidence for the prosecution, testified to having secured either from officers or from the factory and vicinity, corset steels, a celluloid hairpin, a half a tooth, particles of bones, scrapings from both the interior and exterior of the vat in which it is alleged Mrs. Luetgert was dissolved and slime from the sluice leading from the vat.

Vickerick Bicknese, brother of Mrs. Luetgert, identified two photographs as likenesses of his sister, and pictures were produced around among the attorneys and Luetgert attentively compared the two and consulted about them with his attorneys.

Another sensation was sprung when Mrs. Christine Feldt was again called to the stand. The witness identified an ugly appearing knife which she said Luetgert handed to her for safe keeping on the day of his arrest. According to Inspector Schaeck Luetgert used this knife as the means whereby he killed his wife. The evidence was a complete surprise to the defense, and the prisoner craned forward to see the weapon. The knife was passed around among the attorneys and Luetgert examined it, smiled as he handled it and talked with his attorneys about it, admitting it had been his property.

Assistant State's Attorney McEwen stated that the prosecution will produce testimony showing that the knife is bloodstained. Professor Haines will so testify. Attorneys for Luetgert declare that they attach no more importance to it than they would to any ordinary pocket knife. The knife is a horn-handled pocket-knife, about four and one-half inches long.

Why Reeder Resigned.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 8.—General Reeder had a conference with Governor Hastings this afternoon and at its close he was asked if he had anything to say and replied by stating that he had resigned as secretary of the commonwealth. Last Thursday the governor sent a request for his resignation, but gave no reason for the request. General Reeder at once sent in his resignation, and after a conference this morning the governor accepted it. There are various conjectures as to why Secretary Reeder was asked to resign, but the consensus of opinion is that it was because he was one of the signers of the indemnity bond given the state treasurer for any loss sustained in paying alleged legislative employees.

Does Not Apprehend Trouble.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 8.—Edwin Dun, ex-United States minister to Japan, in an interview to-day says he does not apprehend any trouble between Japan and the United States with regard to Hawaii. The United States is bound to annex Hawaii, he thinks it can be done in such a manner as to avoid friction. As to the advisability of annexing Hawaii, Mr. Dun did not express himself.

Mr. Dun is of the opinion that good will result from the recent action of Japan in adopting a 32 to 1 monetary standard.

WHISKEY BOTTLED IN BOND.

OVERHOLT RYE. Bottled in bond under U. S. Government supervision at the Famous A. Overholt & Co. Distillery, Winchester, Just received a shipment. The first bottled in bond goods in the market. P. WELTY & CO.

WHEELING WINS

The Next Reunion of the Army of West Virginia.

THAT IS PRESENT OUTLOOK.

Unless There is a Decided Change of Sentiment—Columbus and Jackson the Only Other Cities Receiving Any Real Consideration—Many Prominent Citizens of Columbus, However, are Working for This City—Wheeling's Chamber of Commerce Committee and Gov. Atkinson Did Much for Nall City's Canvass.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 8.—Wheeling will have the next annual reunion of the Army of West Virginia. Such is the outlook to-night, and unless there is a decided change of sentiment before 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, the claims of the Nall City will go through with a whirl.

At that hour the officers of the association met to consider the overtures of the various bidders for the meeting next year. Columbus and Jackson, Ohio, seem to be the only other cities receiving any real consideration in the contest. Jackson's following in a small way, and for Columbus, it is a noticeable fact that some of her best citizens, out of a spirit of friendliness and fair play, are working heart and hand for Wheeling's interest.

The members of the Wheeling chamber of commerce delegation have been far from idle since their arrival. Their earnest and enthusiastic championship of their home city's claims, and their faculty in making friends, have been powerful factors for Wheeling in its campaign.

Governor Atkinson, too, has done no small part in the work for Wheeling, and his advocacy of its claims has done much for the city's canvass. West Virginia is well represented at the reunion, and the badges of her citizens are to be seen upon every hand.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION

Of Army of West Virginia—Gov. Atkinson and Staff Present.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 8.—The Society of the Army of West Virginia met to-day. General W. H. Powell, of Illinois, was in the chair. Governor Bushnell and Mayor Black welcomed the veterans. Captain Thomas H. McKee, of Washington, made the address. The other exercises consisted of responses to welcomes and patriotic songs by a trained local Republican song club, and an audience and music by the Seventeenth United States Infantry band. All hours of each day and evening are included in the programme at the Auditorium, United States barracks and parks. The session will continue three days.

Among those present and expected to arrive are General W. S. Devoe, of Kansas; Governor Atkinson and staff, and General L. H. Duval, of West Virginia; H. Clay Evans, Senator Foraker, ex-Governor MacCorkle, of West Virginia, and others.

Governor Atkinson, accompanied by part of his staff, is at the Great Southern hotel. The city central streets and Auditorium are decorated for the occasion. Pictures of generals of the late war, and of the army of West Virginia, are conspicuously displayed. The Sixteenth United States Infantry being here on its practice march from Fort Thomas, at Newport, Ky., will, with the Seventeenth United States Infantry and local military, join in the parade with the old soldiers to-morrow.

HOME FOR INCURABLES.

The Board Decides in Favor of Hunting-ton for Its Location.

SPECIAL DISPATCH to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 8.—The board selected by Governor Atkinson to select a site for the home for incurables met here this morning, with all the members present. A large delegation from Huntington, headed by Senator J. E. Hughes, Elliott Northcott and Attorney Caldwell, came in on the early train. They pressed their claims, on the grounds that they were second in the race when Parkersburg was selected as the last meeting. Charleston made an offer of its fine new hospital, which cost \$25,000 and grounds worth \$25,000 more. The business and industrial association, recently organized, made a strong plea through its representative, ex-Governor Wilson.

Mrs. Joseph Ruffner, who was instrumental in securing the passage of the bill creating the home, also made an able argument for Charleston, because of the immediate need of a home, which the hospital would furnish.

On the grounds of public policy, Judge Jackson remained firm for Charleston. Treasurer Kendall, who is a member of the commission, made an argument in defense of his vote for Huntington.

When the final vote was taken, ex-Governor MacCorkle and Judge Jackson voted for Charleston, and Messrs. Baker, McIntire and Kendall cast their ballots for Huntington. The latter city was declared the winner, and is given until September 15 to consummate its proposition.

STATE UNIVERSITY

Opens with Brilliant Prospects—Course of Study Revised—Professor Resigns.

SPECIAL DISPATCH to the Intelligencer.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Sept. 8.—The university began the work of another school year to-day with brilliant prospects. The work of matriculation was slow, and no estimate can be made of the number of students on the ground, but the unusually large number of new matriculates forecasts an attendance for the year which will exceed all expectations. The field agent, Mr. Wiltman Barbe, who is present, believes there will be 600.

Dr. Raymond, the new president, made a brief address, which received spirited applause.

W. B. Cutright, a member of the preparatory faculty, has resigned. He has a scholarship from Columbia University, and will attend that institution this winter, taking post graduate work.

The executive committee of the board of regents will meet Saturday to fill the vacancy. Among those mentioned for the position are Frederick Goore and Prof. Johnson, of Parkersburg. The faculty has spent considerable time within the past week revising the courses leading to the different degrees, with the result that much more work will have to be done by the candidates for them in the future. Most of the changes will take effect next year. The standard of entrance requirements was raised to conform with the requirements for admission to the eastern universities. Two bachelor courses were added, one to be known as the philosophical course with the degree of bachelor of philosophy, and the other to be known as the literature course, leading to the degree of bachelor of letters.

NOW IT'S THE GIRLS.

Policemen Say They are Blocking the Streets Too Much.

It is seldom there is objection to girls blocking passage on the streets and crossings, but there is a kick coming in this respect. It is just a mild kick, but nevertheless, there is sufficient cause, and it is against the girls stopping on the street to talk to their fellows, or else to exchange the gossip of the day. It may seem cruel to protest against this custom, harmless though it is, but it is better adapted for a village than the business portion of this great town of ours. And when requested to move on by the meek policeman, how they glare at him. Of course that's what he's for, but it tries his soul.

The spectacle of a fair group standing on the curb or on the middle of a crossing is frequent, or of a couple of girls suddenly stopping on the street in front of some store, to talk for an hour or so to their male acquaintances, is as frequent. It is an unpleasant task for the "cops" to tell them that their presence is a hindrance to pedestrians, and he awaits the time with delight, when such things will not be.

GOLDEN EAGLE KNIGHTS

Enjoyed an Outing at Mozart Park—The Grand Castle.

Yesterday was very enjoyably spent by the state grand castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. They were the guests of the local knights at a very successful outing at Mozart park in the afternoon and evening, the morning being taken up with a street parade over the principal streets. The Wheeling City band furnished the music.

Dancing and bowling were the chief amusements at the breezy South Side park, and the visitors were delighted beyond measure. There was a creditable attendance, considering counter attractions.

To-day closes the grand castle proceedings. The installation of officers occurs this morning, and this afternoon discussion of the death benefit association brings the tenth annual session to a close. Many of the delegates will attend the fair for part of the day, if it can be arranged.

Meals-Maison Nuptials.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ingle Mahon, in Cameron, yesterday at 3 o'clock p. m., occurred the marriage of their daughter, Maud, one of Cameron's most accomplished young ladies, to Mr. Samy W. Meals, a young business man identified with the South Penn Oil Co. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents. The members of the Methodist Episcopal church presented the bride with a beautiful ornate clock, as a token of the esteem in which they held her since she had served them as organist for quite a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Meals left on the 3:10 p. m. train for a short wedding tour, and will visit some of Mr. Meals' relatives for a short time, after which they will return to their home in Waynesburg. They have a host of friends in Cameron, who extend congratulations and wish them a successful and happy journey down the stream of life.

DEED OF A BRUTE

Invades a Young Lady's Chamber and Assaults Her.

MACON, Ga., Sept. 8.—Miss Sallie Chapman, living at 152 First street, with her half brother, J. C. McIlwaine, was assaulted and brutally outraged in her bedroom by an unknown man, between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning. Miss Chapman is a handsome young woman about 20 years of age. She was sleeping in the same room with a nine-year-old girl. This morning she was aroused from a sound sleep by feeling a hand on her throat, and saw a dim form bending over her. She tried to scream, but her assailant closed his hand on her throat and choked her. He then succeeded in accomplishing his purpose and escaped through the window. There is not the slightest clue to the assailant. The town is worked up to a high pitch of excitement, as this is the second assault of a like nature in the last two weeks in this city.

Declines to Withdraw Resignation

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 8.—President Andrews, of Brown university, to-day sent to the corporation a letter formally declining to withdraw his resignation and stating his reason for withdrawing from the university. It is understood, though the text of the letter has not been made public, that he states his willingness to remain here until his successor is chosen. A meeting of the corporation will be held within two weeks, at which the latest statement from President Andrews will be submitted.

Met Death Calmly.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 8.—H. S. Perry was hanged for the murder of Bely Lander at Decatur to-day. The execution took place on a gallows in the yard of the Dekalb county jail. The doomed man was pale, but cool and collected to the last. On the scaffold he declared his innocence of the crime of murder and reiterated his statement that he killed Lander to protect the sanctity of his home. The drop